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SUBJ: INMARSAT CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION: DAY 3

REF: LONDON 2212

SUMMARY: BOTH COMMITTEES MADE DECISIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES OF MINIMUM INVESTMENT SHARES AND ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL FUNCTIONS; DISCUSSIONS ON OTHER ISSUES CONTINUED IN WORKING GROUPS. END SUMMARY

1. COMMITTEE I PASSED US PROPOSAL (17-15-3) THAT COUNCIL TAKE DECISIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS BY A MAJORITY OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNCIL PROVIDED THAT SUCH MAJORITY REPRESENTS AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS REPEAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE TOTAL TOTTING PARTICIPATION ON THE COUNCIL. COMMITTEE THEN WENT ON TO PASS OTHER ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL PROVISIONS AS CONTAINED IN ISWG PAPER. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATION WITH USERS WAS APPROVED. CUBAN PROPOSAL TO INTERJECT ASSEMBLY INTO COUNCIL ACTIONS DEFEATED 10-14-6 AND ASSEMBLY ROLE IN APPOINTMENT OF

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DIRECTOR GENERAL REJECTED 9-20-5. COMMITTEE NARROWLY

REJECTED (11-12-13 WITH SOVIET ABSTENTION) CHARACTERIZATION OF ASSEMBLY AS SUPREME ORGAN OF THE ORGANIZATION. DECISION DEFERRED ON SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL.

2. WORKING GROUP OF COMMITTEE I MADE SOME PROGRESS ON TEXT OF ART 11(1)(C) AND ON DEFINITION OF MARITIME TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR USE IN RELATION TO THAT ARTICLE.

3. COMMITTEE II:

A. COMMITTEE II BEGAN FEB. 11 MEETING WITH CONSIDERATION PARA (7) ARTICLE V OF OPERATING AGREEMENT (MINIMUM INVESTMENT SHARES). BRACKETED NUMBERS 0.5 AND 0.05 DISCUSSED. ITALIAN COMPROMISE OF 0.1 ALSO CONSIDERED. NO SUPPORT FOR US PREFERENCE (0.5) EMERGED AND COMMITTEE II EVENTUALLY DECIDED BY VOTE ON 0.05 MINIMUM I.E., \$100,000. VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS: 0.1 (15 IN FAVOR); 0.05 (20 IN FAVOR); 0.5 (1 IN FAVOR - US).

B. DELEGATIONS WERE ASKED TO INDICATE THEIR PREFERENCE, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, FOR INITIAL INVESTMENT SHARES TO UPDATE SIMILAR DATA GIVEN DURING ISWG SESSIONS. TOTAL OF THESE INDICATIONS BY THOSE PRESENT WAS 78.33.

C. ARTICLES IN ANNEX II, MARSAT/CONT/13 REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE II FEB 11 AS FOLLOWS:

VI - APPROVED WITH MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGE
VII - US ALTERNATIVE TEXT INTRODUCED; TO BE CONSIDERED FEB 12
VIII (1)(C) - BRACKETED TEXT DELETED
VIII (1)(E) - WHOLE SUBPARA (E) DELETED
VIII (2) - BRACKETS DROPPED; WHOLE SUBPARA 2 RETAINED WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

D. INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING (ICS) PAPER

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(MARSAT/CONF/IS) ON SPACE SEGMENT CHARGES DURING INITIAL PERIOD OF OPEATIONS (14 YEARS) GIVEN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION. GENERAL THRUST OF PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS WITH UK DEL PROVIDING STRONGEST SUPPORT. AFTER DISCUSSION, DECIDED THAT UK AND ICS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD WORK OUT RE-DRAFT TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER BY COMMITTEE AT LATER DATE.

4. COMMITTEE II WORKING PARTIES AND INFORMAL GROUPS MET TO WORK ON CURRENCY AND INVESTMENT SHARE PROBLEMS. AGREEMENT BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE ON BEING SILENT IN THE TEXT OF THE OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE UNIT OF ACCOULT AND EXPLICIT AGREEMENT THAT PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE IN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE COUNTRIES WITH "FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE" IT WAS PROPOSED THEY WOULD MAKE AN INITIAL INVESTMENT OF TWICE THE MINIMUM INVESTMENT SHARE, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE A 50 LIMIT ON INCREASES OR DECREASES IN LONG TERM INVESTMENT SHARE. LIBERIAN DEL DID NOT INDICATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPROACH TO MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT. ON THE LATTER POINTS, LABOR MEMBERS OF THE US DEL EXPRESSED STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FMR "FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE" AND REQUESTED THAT THEIR VIEW BE SO REPORTED.
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